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Designed to help preschool through ninth-grade teachers and librarians to become knowledgeable and critical consumers of children's books, this book carries throughout an image of a patchwork quilt to represent the varied colors and patterns of books and people who inhabit the world of children's literature. This third edition of the book has been reordered to reinforce the primary purpose of covering educational theory and practice as well as the literature itself. Fewer books were probed in more depth to emphasize critical thinking and reading skills, and a chapter on multicultural books was added. Chapters in the book are: (1) The Story of Children's Literature; (2) Children Reading Literature; (3) Picture Books; (4) Poetry and Verse; (5) Folklore; (6) Fantasy and Science Fiction; (7) Contemporary Realistic Fiction; (8) Historical Fiction; (9) Biography; (10) Nonfiction; (11) Multicultural Literature; and (12) Planning a Literature Curriculum. Lists of children's book awards, resources, publishers of children's books, birthdays of selected authors and illustrators, children's magazines and newspapers, literary terms, professional references, and children's book references are attached. (RS)

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